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April 21, 2003

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Sara Kyle, Chairman Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37219

Re:

Joint Petition of Digital Teleport, Inc. and CenturyTel Fiber Company II, LLC for Approval of the Assignment of Assets and Authorization to Provide Telecommunications Service Docket No. 03-00259

Dear Chairman Kyle:

Enclosed you will find the original and thirteen (13) copies of the Responses of CenturyTel Fiber Company II, LLC ("CTF II") to the Data Requests of the Staff dated April 15, 2003.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

D. Billye Sanders

DBS/lmb Enclosures

cc:

Russell M. Blau, Esq. Brett Ferenchak, Esq. Daniel Davis, Esq. Stacey W. Goff, Esq.

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

JOINT PETITION OF)
DIGITAL TELEPORT, INC.) · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
AND) Docket No. 03-00259
CENTURYTEL FIBER COMPANY II, LLC)
FOR APPROVAL OF THE ASSIGNMENT OF ASSETS AND AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE))))

CENTURYTEL FIBER COMPANY II, LLC'S RESPONSES TO DATA REQUESTS DATED, APRIL 15, 2003, FROM THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY STAFF

Comes now CenturyTel Fiber Company, II, LLC ("CFT II") and responses to the data requests of the TRA staff as follows:

1. Why is CenturyTel, Inc. establishing a separate entity in Tennessee for the provisioning of telecommunications services?

RESPONSE: The assets being acquired in the transaction between Digital Teleport, Inc. ("DTI") and CTF II are being separated for two principal reasons. First, because CenturyTel, Inc. is buying these assets out of a bankruptcy estate, the company wishes to keep these assets and the associated liabilities separate from its other operations. Second, the business associated with the former DTI assets will represent a unique business segment for CenturyTel, Inc. that it will need to account for and manage separately. The employees associated with the CTF II enterprise will have their own unique benefit plans and will otherwise be employed by CTF II.

2. Will the Applicant share officers, management, employees, accounting functions, operational functions, etc. with any of CenturyTel's affiliated entities in Tennessee? Is so, please provide a copy of a cost allocation manual and procedures that will be used to prevent cross subsidization between the Tennessee affiliates.

RESPONSE: No.

3. Will CTF II provide service in the territories of Century Telephone of Adamsville, Century Telephone of Claiborne and Century Telephone of Ooltewah-Collegedale, Inc.?

RESPONSE: No.

4. For ratemaking purposes, will the profits generated by CTF II be imputed into the operations of Century Telephone of Adamsville, Century Telephone of Claiborne and Century Telephone of Ooltewah-Collegedale, Inc.?

RESPONSE: No.

5. Provide facts and relevant information to demonstrate that this application meets the requirements of 47 CFR 64.1903.

RESPONSE: 47 CFR 64.1903 deals with the obligations of incumbent independent local exchange carriers that provide in-region, interstate, interexchange services or in-region international interexchange services through an affiliate.

As stated in the Response to Data Request No. 3, CTF II does not intend to provide telecommunications services in the territories of the CenturyTel affiliated incumbent LECs in Tennessee. Therefore, 47 CFR 64.1903 is not applicable.

Should CTF II decide to provide in-region services at some future time under its certificate, it will adhere to the applicable requirements at that time.

- 6. There was no Question 6 on the Data Requests.
- 7. TCA §65-4-125 amendment states that by September 1, 2000, all telecommunications service providers subject to the control and jurisdiction who pay annual inspection and supervision fees pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, §65-4-301(b), or any telecommunications service provider that owns and operates equipment facilities in Tennessee with a value of more than five million (\$5,000,000), shall file with the Authority a corporate surety bond or irrevocable letter of credit in the amount of twenty-thousand dollars (\$20,000) to secure the payment of any monetary sanction imposed in any enforcement proceeding, by or on behalf of the Authority. Will CTF II's equipment or facilities in Tennessee be in excess of \$5,000,000? If not, please provide a corporate surety bond or irrevocable letter of credit in the amount of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000).

RESPONSE: CTF II's equipment and facilities in Tennessee will not be in excess of \$5,000,000 at the time of the transfer. CTF II will file a corporate surety bond in the amount of \$20,000 with the TRA.

VERIFICATION

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I, Stacey W. Goff, being duly sworn, depose and state that I am an authorized representative of CenturyTel Fiber Company II, LLC ("CTF II"), the Petitioner in the proceeding before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") at Docket No. 03-00259; that I am authorized to make this Verification on behalf of CTF II; that the foregoing Responses of CTF II to the Data Requests, dated April 15, 2003, from the TRA staff are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Stacey W. Goff

Vice President and Asst. General Counsel CenturyTel Fiber Company II, LLC

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: At Abath